

METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR EXCHANGING INFORMATION, SUCH AS  
SUPPLIER PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

ABSTRACT

Methods and systems for monitoring a global supplier base. In one embodiment, a computer-based system allows a company that contracts with one or more suppliers to obtain performance metrics for those suppliers on a regular basis, such as monthly. These performance metrics can include utilization of manpower, timeliness of deliveries, quality of work, and other similar data. In one embodiment, the method is implemented on general-purpose computers by one or more suppliers who access user interface display pages from a server computer and input performance-related data. This data is then transmitted back to the server computer where it is automatically stored in one or more databases. The contracting company can then access the server computer to obtain the supplier performance data in one or more useful formats.